

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Doane, on March 9, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Alan Doane, Chair (R)  
Rep. Seth Berglee, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)  
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)  
Rep. Ellie Hill Smith (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)  
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sara Fleming, Committee Secretary  
Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 97, 2/27/2017; SJ 11, 2/27/2017

**HEARING ON SB 97****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 00:01:38 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 97, Prohibit the application of foreign law in state courts.
- 00:03:45 Rep. McConnell, Rep. Eck and Rep. Morigeau joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

- 00:06:28 Garret Bacon, Self
- 00:06:43 Rep. B. Brown joined the meeting
- 00:06:59 Jeff Laszloffy, Self
- 00:11:27 Elisabeth Sabaditsch-Wolff, Self
- 00:15:11 Caroline Solomon, Self
- 00:18:37 Jennifer Conroy, Self

**[EXHIBIT\(juh49a01\)](#)**

- 00:22:12 Gina Satterfield, Self

**[EXHIBIT\(juh49a02\)](#)**

- 00:34:37 Jeanne Satterfield, Self
- 00:37:41 Calvin Beringer, Self

**[EXHIBIT\(juh49a03\)](#)**

- 00:39:57 Rick Ferguson, Self
- 00:41:00 Patrick McCain, Self
- 00:42:27 Mark Cramer, Self
- 00:44:00 Paul Nachman, Self
- 00:46:41 Bob Leach, Self
- 00:48:09 Kenton Rowe, Self
- 00:50:32 Dee Kirk-Boon, Self

**[EXHIBIT\(juh49a04\)](#)****Opponents' Testimony:**

- 00:51:06 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Christians (MAC), Gallatin Valley Interfaith Alliance

**[EXHIBIT\(juh49a05\)](#)**

- 00:54:57 Matt Brower, Montana Catholic Conference

**[EXHIBIT\(juh49a06\)](#)**

- 01:02:04 Rep. Eck left the meeting.
- 01:03:52 David Andersen, Montana Association of Christians (MAC)

**[EXHIBIT\(juh49a07\)](#)**

- 01:06:04 Arne Bergland, Montana Association of Christians (MAC)
- 01:09:49 SK Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

**[EXHIBIT\(juh49a08\)](#)**

- 01:17:32 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

01:25:42 Abigail Belcher, Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM)  
01:26:50 Rachael Carroll Rivas, Montana Human Rights Network

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:28:39 Rep. Regier  
01:29:31 Matt Brower, Montana Catholic Conference  
01:30:11 Rep. Regier  
01:30:30 SK Rossi, ACLU  
01:32:37 Chair Doane  
01:32:56 Rep. McConnell  
01:33:09 SK Rossi, ACLU

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01:36:11 Rep. Morigeau  
01:37:10 SK Rossi, ACLU  
01:38:36 Rep. Kelker  
01:39:07 SK Rossi, ACLU  
01:39:25 Rep. Harris  
01:40:28 SK Rossi, ACLU  
01:45:54 Rep. Berglee  
01:46:30 Abigail Belcher, ASUM  
01:47:13 Rep. Kelker  
01:47:55 Matt Brower, Montana Catholic Conference  
01:51:53 Rep. Court  
01:52:32 Matt Brower, Montana Catholic Conference  
01:54:37 Rep. Berglee  
01:55:34 Sen. Regier

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:57:13 Sen Regier  
  
01:59:37 Recess  
02:10:31 Reconvene

**HEARING ON SJ 11**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

02:11:00 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SJ 11, Generally revise self-defense laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

02:13:08 Gary Marbut, Montana Shooting Sports Association (MSSA)  
02:20:42 Garret Bacon, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:21:38 Rep. McConnell  
02:22:07 Gary Marbut, MSSA  
02:24:35 Rep. McConnell  
02:25:26 Sen. Regier  
02:25:33 Rep. Kelker  
02:27:03 Sen. Regier  
02:27:52 Rep. Usher  
02:28:14 Gary Marbut, MSSA  
02:30:15 Rep. McConnell  
02:31:11 Gary Marbut, MSSA  
02:34:31 Rep. Harris  
02:35:08 Rep. Kelker  
02:35:47 Sen. Regier  
02:36:11 Rep. Court  
02:36:50 Sen. Regier  
02:37:51 Rep. Bishop  
02:38:21 Sen. Regier  
02:40:18 Rep. Usher  
02:41:10 Helen Thigpen, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
02:42:58 Rep. Bishop  
02:43:27 Helen Thigpen, LSD  
02:43:56 Rep. Court  
02:44:25 Sen. Regier  
02:44:34 Gary Marbut, MSSA  
02:45:06 Rep. Court  
02:45:11 Gary Marbut, MSSA  
02:45:27 Rep. Morigeau  
02:46:39 Sen. Regier  
02:48:06 Gary Marbut, MSSA  
02:49:05 Rep. Morigeau  
02:49:58 Gary Marbut, MSSA  
02:51:22 Rep. Kelker  
02:52:04 Helen Thigpen, LSD  
02:52:20 Rep. Bishop  
02:52:57 Gary Marbut, MSSA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:53:18 Sen. Regier

**Committee Business:**

02:53:56 Chair Doane  
02:54:20 Rep. Court  
02:55:34 Helen Thigpen, LSD  
02:56:00 Chair Doane

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:56:36

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Sara Fleming, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([juh49aad.pdf](#))**